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SUBJECT: EMBASSY WALK-IN: AUSTRALIAN NEGATIVE REPORT

REF: MOSCOW 13311

1. AS REPORTED IN PARA 15 REFTEL, WE BRIEFED AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY ON KOPYTOV'S CLAIM THAT HE HAD A SISTER, REPORTEDLY AN AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN, WHO IS NOW IN THE USSR TRAVELING AS A TOURIST. AUSTRALIANS REPORTED TO CANBERRA ASKING THEM TO CHECK THIS CLAIM.

2. AUSTRALIANS TELL US THAT RECORD CHECK OF PASSPORTS ISSUED IN SYDNEY SHOW NO RECORD OF A PASSPORT BEING ISSUED TO A PERSON WITH THE NAME GIVEN BY KOPYTOV. AUSTRALIANS ARE CHECKING RECORDS OF OTHER PASSPORT ISSUING OFFICES, AND ARE ALSO CHECKING POSSIBILITY THAT LADY IN QUESTION MAY NOT BE AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN BUT PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIEN. THEY WILL INFORM US OF ADDITIONAL RESULTS.

3. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY TELLS US THAT THEY HAVE HAD A REPORT OF AN AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE SOVIET UNION BECAUSE OF A "VISA PROBLEM". THE REPORT WAS BY BRITISH AIRWAYS OFFICE IN AUSTRALIA AND AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE THE NAME OF THE PERSON BUT SPECULATES THAT SHE MAY BE KOPYTOV'S SISTER.

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